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NEWS RELEASE

Police See Increase in Burglary of Vehicles

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Address: Citywide

EL PASO, TX: The El Paso Police Department would like to remind the public that they can play a key role in limiting the likelihood that they fall victim to a burglary of vehicle. Since the beginning of the year the El Paso Police Department has seen an increase in the number of reported Burglary of Vehicle incidents. In fact, only one region has seen a decrease in this category of crime this year. Overall, the City has seen an increase of 29% throughout all regions with the number of actual cases being 222 thus far in 2016 compared to 172 at this time in 2015. These numbers include all reported incidents through February 13, 2016. As a friendly reminder,

- Always lock your car and take your keys with you
- Always remove items of value from plain sight, it is best to take valuables with you when you leave your vehicle
- As the temperatures warm up remember to close your windows and sun roofs, do not make it easy for someone to break into your car
- Park your vehicle in well lighted locations whenever possible
- Utilize some sort of anti-theft device to deter would be criminals, alarms and secondary anti-theft devices should be utilized when possible
- If you haven't already done so, consider starting a neighborhood watch in your area
- ALWAYS REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE

The City of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department prides itself as one of the safest communities in the United States. This is largely due to the strong relationships formed between the Police Department and the community. Please do your part to help us maintain this status by protecting yourself and your vehicle. For more information on the Neighborhood Watch Program please contact your Police Regional Command Center's Special Operations Unit. As always, you may report any crime in progress by calling 911 or to report any other suspicious activity you may contact us at 915-832-4400. Crime Stoppers of El Paso may also be contacted at 915-566-8477 to report any crime and you will remain anonymous.

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